

BEFORE THE ARIZONA MEDICAL BOARD

In the Matter of

Case No. MD-07-0036A

SAMPURNARAO KOPPULA, M.D.**INTERIM CONSENT AGREEMENT
FOR PRACTICE RESTRICTION**Holder of License No. **13707**
For the Practice of Allopathic Medicine
In the State of Arizona.**INTERIM CONSENT AGREEMENT**

By mutual agreement and understanding, between the Arizona Medical Board ("Board") and Sampurnarao Koppula, M.D. ("Respondent") the parties agree to the following disposition of this matter.

1. Respondent has read and understands this Interim Consent Agreement and the stipulated Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order ("Interim Consent Agreement"). Respondent acknowledges that he understands he has the right to consult with legal counsel regarding this matter.

2. By entering into this Interim Consent Agreement, Respondent voluntarily relinquishes any rights to a hearing or judicial review in state or federal court on the matters alleged, or to challenge this Interim Consent Agreement in its entirety as issued by the Board, and waives any other cause of action related thereto or arising from said Interim Consent Agreement.

3. This Interim Consent Agreement will not become effective until signed by the Executive Director.

4. All admissions made by Respondent are solely for interim disposition of this matter and any subsequent related administrative proceedings or civil litigation involving the Board and Respondent. Therefore, said admissions by Respondent are not intended or made for any other use, such as in the context of another state or federal government regulatory agency proceeding, civil or criminal court proceeding, in the State of Arizona or any other state or federal court.

1 5. Respondent may not make any modifications to the document. Upon signing this
2 agreement, and returning this document (or a copy thereof) to the Executive Director, Respondent
3 may not revoke acceptance of the Interim Consent Agreement. Any modifications to this Interim
4 Consent Agreement are ineffective and void unless mutually approved by the parties.

5 6. This Interim Consent Agreement, once approved and signed, is a public record that
6 will be publicly disseminated as a formal action of the Board and will be reported to the National
7 Practitioner Databank and on the Board's website.

8 7. If any part of the Interim Consent Agreement is later declared void or otherwise
9 unenforceable, the remainder of the Interim Consent Agreement in its entirety shall remain in
10 force and effect.

11 
12 _____
13 SAMPURNARAO KOPPULA, M.D.

Dated: 3-9-07

FINDINGS OF FACT

1
2 1. The Board is the duly constituted authority for the regulation and control of the
3 practice of allopathic medicine in the State of Arizona.

4 2. Respondent is the holder of License No. 13707 for the practice of allopathic
5 medicine in the State of Arizona.

6 3. Respondent participated in the Board's Monitored Aftercare Program from January
7 1992 through April 2004. On January 24, 2007 the Arizona Medical Board ("Board") was informed
8 Respondent presented to a pharmacy and attempted to fill a prescription for 100 Lortab written on
9 his prescription pad to another person. The pharmacy technician recognized Respondent and
10 asked him for identification. When asked for identification, Respondent took the prescription back
11 from the pharmacist and said it was for his brother-in-law who would pick it up later.

12 4 On February 12, 2007 Board Staff and the Board's addictionologist interviewed
13 Respondent who denied taking any medication. At the conclusion of the interview Respondent
14 was ordered to undergo a biological fluid and hair test no later than 8:00 p.m. Respondent's
15 attorney called Board Staff after the interview to report that Respondent remembered he used
16 cough medicine containing hydrocodone that was prescribed for his wife. The results of
17 Respondent's hair test were positive for hydrocodone (3765 pg/mg – the cutoff level for Opiates is
18 300 pg/mg).

19 5. On February 22, 2007 the Board issued an Interim Order requiring Respondent to
20 present for an inpatient evaluation and to sign a release form allowing the Board access to the
21 evaluation records. On March 3, 2007 Respondent presented for the evaluation, but left on March
22 5, 2007 because of the death of his mother-in-law. Respondent did not sign the release form.

23 6. Board Staff obtained a pharmacy survey. On the survey is RS for whom
24 Respondent wrote several prescriptions for hydrocodone, the last written on January 11, 2007
25 for 90 hydrocodone. Also on the pharmacy survey was VK and VR. Respondent wrote the last

1 prescription for VK on October 31, 2006 for 60 hydrocodone and the last prescription for VR on
2 October 12, 2006 for 60 hydrocodone. Board Staff went to Respondent's office to obtain charts
3 of patients randomly selected from the pharmacy survey. There was no chart or billing records
4 for RS. There were no charts for VK or VR and Respondent did not recall their names.

5 7. Based on the information in the Board's possession there is evidence that if
6 Respondent were to practice medicine in Arizona there would be a danger to the public health
7 and safety.

8 CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

9 1. The Board possesses jurisdiction over the subject matter hereof and over
10 Respondent.

11 2. The Executive Director may enter into a consent agreement with a physician if
12 there is evidence of danger to the public health and safety. A.R.S. § 32-1405(C)(25); A.A.C. R4-
13 16-504.

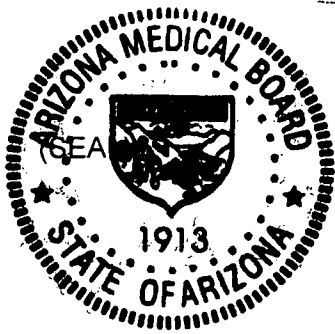
14 ORDER

15 IT IS HEREBY AGREED THAT:

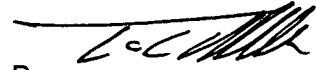
16 1. Respondent shall not practice clinical medicine or any medicine involving direct
17 patient care, and is prohibited from prescribing any form of treatment including prescription
18 medications, until Respondent applies to the Board and receives permission to do so.

19 2. This is an interim order and not a final decision by the Board regarding the pending
20 investigative file and as such is subject to further consideration by the Board.

21 DATED AND EFFECTIVE this 9th day of March 2007.
22
23
24
25



ARIZONA MEDICAL BOARD



By
TIMOTHY C. MILLER, J.D.
Executive Director

ORIGINAL of the foregoing filed this
9th day of March, 2007 with:

The Arizona Medical Board
9545 East Doubletree Ranch Road
Scottsdale, AZ 85258

EXECUTED COPY of the foregoing
mailed this 9th day of March,
2007 to:

Duane Olson
Joseph D'Aguanno
Olson Jantsch & Bakker, P.A.
7243 North 16th Street
Phoenix, Arizona 85020-7250

and

Sampurnarao Koppula, M.D.
Address of Record

